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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON APPOINTMENT FOR DSP CHAIRMAN SASAKI

REF: TOKYO 9200

SUMMARY: DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY (DSP) HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE FOR DSP CHAIRMAN SASAKI IN JULY. END SUMMARY.

1. DSP INTERNATIONAL BUREAU DIRECTOR EIICHI NAGASUE AND LOWER HOUSE MEMBER KEIGO OUCHI CALLED ON POLCOUNS JUNE 2 TO REQUEST EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING DSP'S REQUEST FOR WHITE HOUSE APPOINTMENTS DURING VISIT OF DSP CHAIRMAN RYOSAKU SASAKI HOPED TO MAKE TO WASHINGTON (REFTEL). NAGASUE SAID THAT SINCE DIET SESSION WILL END JUNE 16, DSP WOULD BE UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE, BOTH INTERNALLY AND FROM PRESS, TO FINALIZE PLANS FOR SASAKI VISIT, AND SAID THAT, IF POSSIBLE, DSP WOULD LIKE TO HAVE RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH EITHER PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT BY JUNE 9. NAGASUE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD DEMANDS ON PRESIDENT'S TIME WOULD MAKE MEETING WITH SASAKI VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE, BUT HOPED APPOINTMENT WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, WHOM SASAKI MET AS VICE CHAIRMAN IN
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SEPTEMBER 1977, COULD BE ARRANGED. (OUCHI ADDED THAT AS RESULT OF SASAKI'S MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT LAST YEAR,DSP FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO CALL ON GOJ TO REDUCE TRADE IMBALANCE WITH US.) IF POSSIBLE, NAGASUE SAID, SASAKI WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH VICE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO ADVANCED NATION SUMMIT CONFERENCE JULY 16, BUT, ASSUMING CONGRESS STILL IN

SESSION, WOULD BE WILLING TO VISIT WASHINGTON LATER IN JULY DEPENDING ON VICE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE. NAGASUE SAID IF AT ALL POSSIBLE SASAKI WANTED TO VISIT U.S. BEFORE MAKING OTHER TRIPS ABROAD, AND MONDALE APPOINTMENT HELD KEY TO FINALIZING PLANS.

2. POLCOUNS SAID WE WERE ALREADY IN TOUCH WITH WASHINGTON IN REGARD TO POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS, AND WERE AWARE OF PRIMIN'S INTEREST. WE AGREED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT WAS NOT FEASIBLE AND UNDERTOOK TO ATTEMPT TO GET READING ON APPOINTMENT WITH VP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. ACTION: REFTEL CONTAINED EMBASSY VIEWS ON IMPORTANCE OF SASAKI VISIT AND OUR RECOMMENDATION FOR MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INDICATION OF STATUS OF APPOINTMENT REQUEST BY JUNE 9. MANSFIELD

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